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In re Application of

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: Examiner: Gloria R. WeeksFor: STRIP OF FASTENERS FOR A FASTENING APPARATUS WITH LOADING DEVICE  
INTENDED TO TAKE THE STRIP, THE APPARATUS AND THE LOADING DEVICERESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed August 23, 2005, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- Group I: Claims 5 and 11-21, drawn to a strip of fasteners, classified in class 411, subclass 433.
- Group II: Claims 7, 9, 22, 26, 28, 29, drawn to a fastening apparatus, classified in class 227, subclass 120.
- Group III: Claims 25, 27, drawn to a fastening device and strip of fasteners in combination, classified in class 227, subclass 120.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, upon which claims 5 and 11-21 are readable